

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5027–S5078

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3229–3240, and S. Res. 576–580. **Page S5066**

Measures Passed:

Microloan Modernization Act: Senate passed S. 526, to amend the Small Business Act to provide for expanded participation in the microloan program, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S5072–73**

Rounds (for Risch) Amendment No. 3397, to strike section 4. **Page S5073**

Small Business Innovation Protection Act: Senate passed S. 791, to amend the Small Business Act to expand intellectual property education and training for small businesses. **Pages S073–74**

White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act: Senate passed S. 2850, to amend the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to clarify the use of amounts in the WMAT Settlement Fund, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S5074**

Rounds (for Flake) Amendment No. 3398, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5074**

Bounds Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Ryan Wesley Bounds, of Oregon, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Pages S5045–59**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 161), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S5044–45**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, July 19, 2018; and that all time in recess, adjournment, morning business, and Leader remarks count against post-cloture time. **Page S5074**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. EX. 160), Andrew S. Oldham, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit. **Pages S5027–44, S5078**
1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral. **Pages S5072, S5078**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Scott Hutchins, of Indiana, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Research, Education, and Economics.

Lane Genatowski, of New York, to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, Department of Energy.

David Hale, of New Jersey, to be an Under Secretary of State (Political Affairs).

Kip Tom, of Indiana, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture.

Donald Y. Yamamoto, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Somalia.

Charles Wickser Banta, of New York, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2022.

Michelle Itczak, of Indiana, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2020.

Barbara Coleen Long, of Missouri, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2022.

Carleton Varney, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2022.

Richard S. Tischner, of Virginia, to be Director of the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia for a term of six years.

Donald L. Palmer, of Florida, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for a term expiring December 12, 2021.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, and Navy. **Pages S5075–78**

Messages from the House:

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—161)	Pages S5044–45

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:24 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 19, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5074.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SHARKS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine sharks, after receiving testimony from Alistair Dove, Georgia Aquarium, Atlanta; Amy Kukulya, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, Massachusetts; Cheryl Ann Denesha Wilga, University of Alaska, Anchorage; and Robert E. Hueter, Mote Marine Laboratory, Sarasota, Florida.

TRADE AND COMMERCE AT U.S. PORTS OF ENTRY

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness concluded a hearing to examine trade and commerce at United States ports of entry, after receiving testimony from Kevin K. McAleenan, Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Mayor Pete Saenz, Laredo, Texas, on behalf of the Texas Border Coalition; Sergio Contreras, Rio Grande Valley Partnership, Weslaco, Texas, on behalf of the Border Trade Alliance; Kurt Nagle, American Association of Port Authorities, Alexandria, Virginia; and Mary Ann Bucci, Port of Pittsburgh Commission, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Brian J. Bulatao, of Texas, to be an Under Secretary (Management), who was introduced by Senator Cornyn, and Denise Natali, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant

Secretary (Conflict and Stabilization Operations), both of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

ADMINISTRATION'S GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION PROPOSAL

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Administration's government reorganization proposal, after receiving testimony from Margaret Weichert, Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget.

INDIAN AFFAIRS LEGISLATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2154, to approve the Kickapoo Tribe Water Rights Settlement Agreement, S. 3060, to repeal section 2141 of the Revised Statutes to remove the prohibition on certain alcohol manufacturing on Indian lands, and S. 3168, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to make Reclamation Water Settlements Fund permanent, after receiving testimony from Alan Mikkelsen, Senior Advisor to the Secretary of the Interior for Water and Western Resource Issues, and Chair, Working Group on Indian Water Settlements; John E. Tubbs, State of Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation Director, Helena; Lester Randall, Kickapoo Tribe, Horton, Kansas; and Harry Pickernell, Sr., Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation, Oakville, Washington.

FEDERAL INVESTMENT IN DNA ANALYSIS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine promoting justice for victims of crime, focusing on the Federal investment in DNA analysis, including S. 2577, to reauthorize programs authorized under the Debbie Smith Act of 2004, S. 2345, to amend the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000 to provide additional resources to State and local prosecutors, and S. 2266, to authorize the Office on Violence Against Women to improve the handling of crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking by incorporating a trauma-informed approach into the initial response to and investigation of such crimes, after receiving testimony from Gerald M. LaPorte, Director, Office of Investigative and Forensic Sciences, National Institute of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice; Gretta L. Goodwin, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; Debbie Smith, H-E-A-R-T, Williamsburg, Virginia; Matthew J. Gamette, Idaho State Police Forensic Services, Garner, North Carolina, on behalf of the Association of